



Frequently Asked Questions about the expiration of Extended Benefits

Because the unemployment rate in Indiana recently dropped below a 3 month average of 9 percent the federal government is no longer funding Extended Benefits, or EB for Hoosiers.

What does it mean when people refer to “tiers” or different federal extensions of unemployment?

There are currently six unemployment tiers:

- Regular State Unemployment provides up to 26 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #1 provides up to 20 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #2 provides up to 14 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #3 provides up to 13 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #4 provides up to 6 weeks of benefits
- Extended Benefits, (EB) provides up to 20 weeks of benefits

When is EB scheduled to expire?

The last day vouchers will be accepted from Hoosiers receiving EB will be Saturday, April 14, 2012. The last EB payments will be made on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Why is this happening?

According to law, the federal government only pays for EB when the state’s three-month average unemployment rate is 110 percent higher than it was 3 years ago. Indiana’s rate would need to be 9 percent or higher in order to qualify.

When will Hoosiers on EB first notice payments have stopped?

The last EB payments will be made on Monday April 16, 2012. The next Monday, April 23, 2012 will be the first day Hoosiers on state EB will not receive a new benefit payment.